



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
**KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE DAY**
OCTOBER 26, 2009

WHEREAS, this day marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, established on October 26, 1974; and

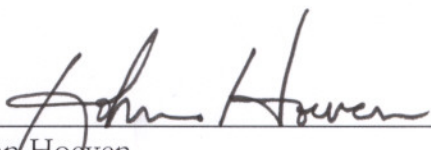
WHEREAS, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site was established to preserve, protect and interpret the culture and agricultural lifestyles of the northern Great Plains Indian peoples and to conduct archeological research to further the understanding of the culture; and

WHEREAS, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site contains some of the best preserved, surviving examples of earthlodge village sites, which once numbered in the hundreds along the Missouri River in North and South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Big Hidatsa (Hidatsa Village), Lower Hidatsa (Awatixa Xi'e) and Sakakawea (Awatixa) Village Sites represent virtually pristine examples of these village sites due largely to the conscious and far-sighted efforts of the former landowners in protecting these irreplaceable resources; and


WHEREAS, the quality and abundance of ethnographic information on the Hidatsa and Mandan fosters a growing understanding and appreciation of intercultural diversity in the past and present.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 26, 2009, **KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE DAY** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State